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LETTER DATED 3 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MONGOLIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF MONGOLIA RELATING TO A SERIES OF NUCLEAR TESTS CONDUCTED BY PAKISTAN

I have the honour to forward the statement made by the Ministry of External Relations, Mongolia.

I kindly request you to circulate it as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

(Signed) Suh-Ochir Bold
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS, MONGOLIA

Mongolia strongly condemns a series of nuclear tests conducted by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in May last week in defiance of the international community's call for restraint.

It is considered that these tests would undermine international efforts aimed at the attainment of the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, comprehensive nuclear test ban and eventually at establishing a world free from nuclear weapons. These tests threaten to escalate an arms race in South Asia and to destabilize the situation in the region.

Mongolia fully associates itself with the international calls that both Pakistan and India join as soon as possible and unconditionally the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and discontinue their nuclear weapon programs.

Ulaanbaatar, 29 May 1998